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**EDD EMPLOYEE ARRAIGNED FOR SENDING BOMB THREAT  
AND OTHER THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that MELODI FAE HARRIS, 37, of Sacramento was arraigned today on five counts of mailing threatening communications and three counts of e-mailing threatening communications to the California Employment Development Department (EDD). She was arrested yesterday, in front of her residence in Sacramento, after being indicted last week by a federal grand jury.

This case was the result of an extensive joint investigation by the California Highway Patrol, EDD Investigations Division, and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Stegman, who is prosecuting the case, HARRIS is charged with sending five letters and three e-mails to EDD between June 10, 2005, and August 29, 2005, which contained threats to injure or kill people. For example, one of the letters had a drawing of dynamite with a timer attached, asking, "Hmmmmmm, can you find me in time?" Another package contained a similar letter with 15 CO2 cartridges enclosed. Other threatening letters and e-mails followed.

If HARRIS is convicted of the charges she faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment on each count of mailing threats, and 5 years for each count of e-mailing threats, along with a \$250,000 fine for each count.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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